(b) if so, what steps Government have taken so far to encourage businessmen to export flowers to various Asian markets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the potential of exporting flowers to Asian markets and steps have been taken for promotion of the floriculture industry. Financial assistance under various schemes is provided to the registered exporters for various activities including development of infrastructure etc. to facilitate export of cut flowers. A state-of-art cold storage and perishable Cargo handling centre is being established at Mumbai, besides flower auction centres at Bangalore, Mumbai and Greater Noida. Cold storage for handling perishable cargo including cut flowers had already been set up at New Delhi, Bangalore, Trivandrum, Chennai and Hyderabad.

Foreign Investment Proposals

†2098. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals for foreign capital investment in various States were received during the fiscal year 2001-2002;

(b) if so, the number of such proposals received during the said period in each State;

(c) the number of proposals approved out of them; and

(d) the actual foreign capital invested after the approval of these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) to (d) A total of 2066 proposals for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in different States involving an investment of Rs.20,312.45 crore, were received and approved during the period April 2001 to March 2002. The total FDI inflow during the above period is Rs.14,250.96 crore. The inflow data with specific project linkages is not maintained. State-wise break-up of the FDI approvals during the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

said period is incorporated in the monthly SIA Newsletter brought out by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, which is widely circulated to various establishments, including the Parliament Library. The information is also posted on SIA Website (http://www.nic.in/indmin).

Report of Transparency International

2099. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a global anti-corruption organization Transparency International has said in its recent report that several multinationals including those from the U.S. and other G-7 countries were indulging in bribery and corruption in India;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken note of the said report and taken steps to curb malpractices by multinationals in India; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) Transparency International, an International Non-governmental Organization, has recently released a Bribe Payers Index (BPI), 2002. According to the Report, companies from Russia, China, Taiwan, South Korea, Italy, Hongkong, Malaysia, United States, Japan, France and Spain have a high propensity to bribe overseas, especially in developing countries. The BPI survey was conducted in 15 emergent market countries, including Brazil, Mexico, Thailand and India. The survey also indicates that domestically owned companies in the 15 countries surveyed have a higher propensity to pay bribes than foreign firms. The survey does not contain any specific reference to multinationals indulging in bribery and corruption in India.

(b) and (c) The survey report does not cover any specific malpractices by multinationals in India for the Government to take steps to curb the same. However, the Government has undertaken progressive liberalisation of all economic policies, including FDI policy and Industrial policy, with a view to adding maximum transparency and minimising elements of discretion at the decision making levels. As regards FDI policy, the Government has already opened up most sectors to FDI up to 100% on the automatic route. Wherever prior approval of the Government is required,